

**Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
State Rehabilitation Council**

September 14, 2005

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Executive Meeting
Minutes**

**Present from State Rehabilitation Council: William Anderson,
Raymond Carroll, Robin Dolan, Joseph Ferreira, David Sienko,**

Present from Agency: Stephen Brunero, Gary Wier

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

2. New business:

**Nominations Committee: D. Di Orio updated the Leadership on the
progress of the Nominations subcommittee.**

**· Ed Costa was interviewed this summer and the subcommittee will
submit his name for the Council's approval.**

· New Candidate - There is another candidate, Robert Shaldone. He is

a Priest from St. Timothy's. He is helping children with disabilities.

• Committee needs: A Representative from the Human Resource Investment Council.

A representative from RIPTA.

A representative from DLT.

• Member Attendance - the subcommittee would like the Chair to send a letter to any of the members who are not attending meetings. If there is no response, then a letter to not recommend reappointment needs to come from the Council once it votes on it. The Nominations subcommittee will need to address this relevant to S. Greco at the next meeting.

N. Baker was asked to send S. Greco a letter stating that the Chair is giving notice that he (S. Greco) needs to attend this next meeting in order to stay in good standing on the Council. Email and send it hard mail, certified mail.

Employment Committee: D. Sienko updated the Leadership regarding the last meeting of this subcommittee, which was last spring. Members from the committee will participate in a planning session to establish some new strategies.

There was a Needs Assessment completed. When the results are distributed, there will be a baseline to work from.

3. ORS Administrator: R. Carroll informed the Leadership that the

State Plan Annual Update has been approved.

Indicators show ORS is having a good year; meeting goals. Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services is one (1) of only eleven (11) states that are meeting all goals and Indicators.

2007 Budget - will be going through a confidential budget compromise. It goes to the Governor's Office and when he makes his State of The State Address, he will reveal it. For the Department of Human Services, twenty-five million dollars in cutbacks needs to be found.

Regional RSA offices are closing.

CSAVR is developing a Business Cooperate Network to piggyback with national cooperation and connect with the employer community. The vision and strategic ideas will be presented at the next regional meeting. Some senior executives have been invited to this meeting.

Once the State Plan is approved and official copies are available they will be distributed to the Council.

Note: The subcommittees will work from the Plan to set up their agendas for next year.

Customer Service Satisfaction Survey - round two proposals from vendors on the New England Customer Service Satisfaction Survey is

planned. The cost at this time is unknown.

Agenda Items: Focus on subcommittee reports and ORS update.

• Subcommittees

Nominations committee – submission of officers, re-appointments, and candidate for Council's approval for appointment by Governor

Dissemination of Employment committee report/update

Dissemination of Quality Assurance committee report/update

Dissemination of By-Laws committee report/update

Dissemination of Cooperative committee reports/updates

• ORS Director's Report

4. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Baker, Staff

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